

**Coronavirus: COVID-19**  
**Current Update – April 2, 2020**

As of April 2, 2020, Canada has a total of 9613 confirmed cases of COVID-19. Ontario itself has 2793 cases with Toronto having 818 cases. **At this time, residents of North Yorkers continue to remain symptom free and staff members continue to self-monitor.** If this changes, we will notify all staff, residents and stakeholders as soon as possible.

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As North Yorkers continues to take all precautionary measures possible to prevent the coronavirus from entering our walls, we have created a list of procedures that each staff member must follow when they come in to work each day. These measures are of course preventative measures, and in the event that we are faced with a positive case of COVID-19 at North Yorkers, all directives will be updated as soon as possible and all staff, residents and stakeholders will be notified.

**Mandatory Procedures for all Staff**

- Wash hands as soon as you enter the building
- Complete the staff health screener at the beginning of each shift - this is a **mandatory requirement**.
- Disinfect frequently touched surfaces such as door handles **every 15 minutes** using antibacterial spray
- Continue using PPE as directed by internal memos/postings during each booking.
- Report to management **IMMEDIATELY** if you or someone around you (i.e. another staff member or resident) are showing symptoms of COVID-19 such as a new cough, fever, or flu-like symptoms.
- Physically distance yourself from other staff members during your shift as much as possible by 2 metres/6 feet.
- Disinfect all resident wheel-chairs using the hospital use disinfectant spray at the end of each day.
- Practice hand hygiene frequently for 20-40 seconds using soap and water. **Use the staff washroom and avoid the kitchen sink for hand hygiene, if possible:**
  - Before and after preparing food;
  - Before and after eating;
  - After using the toilet;
  - After disposing of waste or handling dirty laundry;
  - After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing;
  - After interacting with other people at a distance of less than 2 metres/6 feet;
  - After facilitating or engaging in group activities;
  - Whenever hands look dirty or are visibly soiled and;
  - Before and after using the telephone.

*\*\*Although hand sanitizer is provided throughout the workplace, washing hands using soap and water is the preferred method of hand hygiene and should be done whenever possible\*\**

Have you been watching the news each day, only to hear about the new number of COVID-19 cases around Canada and the rest of the world? Are you sometimes left wondering, is that number good or bad? In today's podcast titled: A stealth virus, the missing infected and playing the long game: Inside the COVID-19 numbers", they'll tell you why the datasets aren't reliable, which numbers really matter and how we're doing—or how we think we're doing—based on the numbers we have been provided.

Podcast: <https://toronto.citynews.ca/2020/04/02/inside-the-covid-19-numbers/>

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If you think you may be experiencing symptoms of COVID-19, take the self-assessment at [www.ontario.ca/coronavirus](http://www.ontario.ca/coronavirus). Follow all directions from your medical provider or your local health unit at the following phone numbers:

Telehealth Ontario: 1-866-797-0000

Toronto Public Health: 416-338-7600

Peel Public Health: 905-799-7700

Durham Region Health Department: 905-668-7711

York Region Public Health: 1-877-464-9675

Please refer back to previous updates as lots of important information has been provided that may still be relevant. If you have any questions or require more information on how you can protect yourself and those around you from the COVID-19 virus, please contact our Outreach Communication Facilitator Jessica, at 416-222-4448 or  
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